

TAB 49 (ITEM 2.1a (3))

THE ATTACHED TWO FORM LETTERS WERE RECEIVED BY EMAIL TO THE COMMISSION RELATING TO THE HEARST RANCH ACQUISITION.

DURING APRIL APPROXIMATELY 49 EMAILS WERE RECEIVED, AND DURING MAY APPROXIMATELY 66 EMAILS WERE RECEIVED REGARDING THE ABOVE REFERENCED ITEM AND THE RELATED ALLOCATION (TAB 50, ITEM 2.5b.(7)). SEE THE RELATED ALLOCATION ITEM FOR AN ADDITIONAL TWO LETTERS RECEIVED BY FIRST CLASS MAIL.

text: -

Mr. Bob Balgenorth, Chairman
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, Room 2221
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Support for \$23 million Caltrans Grant for Highway 1 and Hearst Ranch

Dear Mr. Balgenorth and Board members

I want to express my support for Caltrans request for \$23 million of Transportation Enhancement Activity (TEA) funding for scenic easement acquisition of a large portion of the Hearst Ranch area along State Scenic Highway 1 (Item 2.1b(3)).

This funding is not only an opportunity for the State to plan and preserve Highway 1 from erosion from the Pacific Ocean for many years to come. It is also a key part of larger conservation effort to preserve the 82,000-acre Hearst Ranch spearheaded by the American Land Conservancy (ALC).

The approval of this grant will provide a major portion of the funding for the Hearst Ranch Conservation Project. When this project is completed it will protect 18-miles of scenic coastline, preserve ecological, scenic, and agricultural resources of the Hearst Ranch in perpetuity.

The American Land Conservancy and the Hearst Corporation have been working hard with the State of California, local community members and the general public to make this project a success. Please join us by approving the \$23 million grant for the project.

Sincerely,

-Your Name Here-
-Street Address-
-City, State Zip-

cc: Governor Schwarzenegger,
Assemblyman Abel Maldonado
Senator Bruce McPherson
Senator Mike Machado
Senator Kevin Murray,
Senator Sheila Kuehl
Assemblymember Jenny Oropeza
Resources Secretary Office

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Mr. Ronald DeCarli, Executive Director
San Luis Obispo Council of Governments
1150 Osos St. Ste 202
San Luis Obispo, CA. 93401

Subject: Support for Transportation Enhancement Funding for Highway 1 and Hearst Ranch

Dear Mr. DeCarli:

I am writing to urge SLOCOG to take the necessary action to secure Federal Transportation Enhancement funding for the Hearst Ranch conservation project. The \$23 million available through Caltrans is crucial to the success of this important project.

With our state in financial crisis, we cannot afford to lose the funding that will secure 18 miles of incomparable coastline. Your Board's action on May 5 is an essential step in the process that includes a later hearing before the California Transportation Commission. Preservation of the Hearst Ranch project is the most important conservation project in this state and is supported by the vast majority of residents. I hope your Board will do its part to seize this opportunity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

-Your Name Here-
-Street Address-
-City, State Zip-

cc: Frank Meecham, President
Harry Ovitt (1st District),
Shirley Bianchi (2nd District),
Peg Pinard (3rd District),
Katcho Achadjian (4th District),
Mike Ryan (5th District),
John Shoals (Grover Beach),
Dave Elliott (Morro Bay),
Tony Ferrara (Arroyo Grande),
Rudy Natoli (Pismo Beach),
Wendy Scalise (Atascadero.),
Ken Schwartz (San Luis Obispo)
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